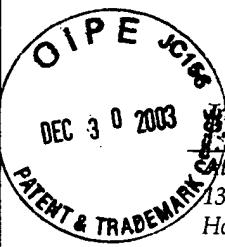


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Enclosed for filing is a Preliminary Amendment to Patent Application Serial Number 10/684,185.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims by canceling originally filed claims 1-9 and adding the following new claims, to read as follows:

1. A method for controlling the microbial contamination of drinking water produced by condensation comprising:

Providing a container of zeolite; and

Performing a step of passing the said drinking water produced by condensation through the said container of zeolite.